

The Recruiting Edge

Personnel and Training Division, Recruitment Program

Exploring Family Matters

by Officer A. Ditzenberger



Kellie Riley was destined to be an officer with the California Highway Patrol (CHP). Just ask her father, Sergeant Pat Riley, a 29-year veteran with

the CHP. Or ask her brother, Officer Scott Riley, also a member of the CHP. For Kellie, the CHP has always been a family affair. Kellie was born in Upland, California, and grew up in Running Springs near Big Bear. She started playing soccer at the age of three, and took her love for the sport with her to college at California State San Bernardino (CSSB), where she played soccer for her five-year stay. She always had the influence of her father to gear her toward a career choice, so she decided on a major in Criminal Justice to prepare her for the CHP. She successfully attained her Criminal Justice degree at CSSB in 1999.



A year prior to graduating high school, Kellie joined the **CHP Explorer Program** to get the hands-on experience she felt would make her a strong candidate for CHP cadet.



Future Leaders: The above officers were successful in making the list of 128 future supervisors in the 2001 Sergeants Promotional.

Exploring is designed to provide young adults the opportunity to experience a career in law enforcement by working side-by-side with experienced Officers.

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No Hiring Freeze for CHP

by Rhonda Hill

Recently, due to fiscal difficulties, the Governor has issued Executive Order D-48-01. The Executive Order calls for a hiring freeze prohibiting new hires regardless of the funding sources for the position. However, due to the essential nature of the Department of California Highway Patrol, the CHP is still recruiting and hiring for all positions including Cadet, CHP, and Communications Operator II. **The November cadet class was scheduled for 92 cadets and will return to 85 cadets per class for future classes.**



Are you an Officer interested in an exciting, challenging, and rewarding career development opportunity? If you are you interested in becoming a recruiter on a permanent, 30 or 60-day assignment, call the HQ Recruitment Unit at (916) 375-2550.

Communications Operator II . . . Test Your Knowledge.

1. What does a Communications Operator II do?
2. What are the minimum requirements?
3. Does the position require a background investigation?
4. Where does the training take place?
5. Is the CHP hiring Communications Operators at the present time?

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AB-311/ New Age Limit 35

On August 9, 2001, Governor Davis signed AB-311, raising the age limit for CHP cadet applicants to age 35. The new age limit will be effective January 1, 2002.

Applications are now being accepted.

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Kellie also encouraged her college roommate, Summer Weathers, into taking a look at the CHP for a career choice. Officer Weathers is now a CHP officer in the Southern California area. After graduating from CSSB, Kellie began the CHP testing process. Kellie's first attempts at the CHP examination were unsuccessful. Her perseverance paid off and she passed the test. The rest of the process was smooth sailing for Kellie, and she entered the Academy in February 2001.

Her first assignment is to the East Los Angeles Area, close to her family and friends. Regarding her CHP career, she says, "I am so excited to finally be a part of the CHP family, since it has always been a big part of my family. I am looking forward to having the time of my life in the career I have always dreamed of having."



The Explorer Program is an excellent preparation tool for young adults interested in a career with the CHP. Those explorers who do enter the Academy have over an 85% success rate.

Minimum Requirements to Become a CHP Explorer Include:

Age: 15 to 20 years.
School: "C" (2.0) grade point average.
No drug or alcohol use.
No felony convictions.
Good citizenship.

Currently, there are 52 Explorer posts statewide with just under 800 Explorers. For more information on the Explorer Program, and Explorer posts near you, please contact the Division coordinator in your area or log onto www.chp.ca.gov and link to Explorers.

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1. The duties of a Communications Operator II (CO II) consist of dispatching field units, monitoring and responding to radio and emergency systems, querying data bases, communicating with difficult callers and testifying in court, just to name a few.

2. The minimum requirements are six months of experience in the California state service performing the duties of a Communications Operator I, CHP; **or** one year in dispatching work involving the operation of radio communications equipment, **or** as an operator of a telephone switchboard or console; **or** three years of experience involving a substantial amount of direct public contact, including responsibility for performing numerous tasks simultaneously. Special requirements include typing not less than 40 words per minute (net).

3. Yes. Because CO IIs have access to confidential computer data, a background investigation is required.

4. The initial four-week training session begins at the California Highway Patrol Academy in West Sacramento or at the Clark Training Center in Riverside, California.

5. Yes. For information on upcoming examinations or openings, call the CHP recorded examination line at (916) 375-2552.

For additional information on CO II, visit our web site at www.chp.ca.gov.

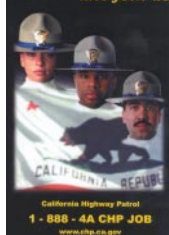
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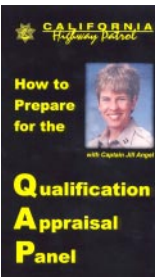
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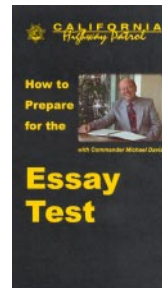
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